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COTEAU WATER SYSTEM, INC.

New Iberia, Louisiana

Financial Report

June 30, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Coteau Water System, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of June 30, 2005, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Coteau Water System, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of Coteau Water System, Inc. as of June 30, 2004, were audited by another auditor whose report dated August 31, 2004, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Coteau Water System, Inc. as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated July 26, 2005, on our consideration of Coteau Water System Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Coteau Water System, Inc. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, except that information presented on pages 18 - 20 is based on unaudited data, on which we express no opinion.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana July 26, 2005 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 218,019	\$ 174,327
Certificate of deposit	108,239	130,771
Accounts receivable (net)	54,878	57,362
Due from the State	-	23,839
Prepaid expenses	27,767	16,457
Total current assets	408,903	402,756
Restricted assets:		
Certificate of deposit	318,606	<u>293,581</u>
Total restricted assets	318,606	293,581
Property, plant and equipment	2,382,436	2,427,771
Other assets	806	806
Total assets	\$3,110,751	\$3,124,914
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (payable from current assets):		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,307	\$ 78,796
Current portion of long-term debt	107,751	57,633
Interim construction financing	-	447,749
Retainage payable	•	54,822
Accrued liabilities	2,208	2,268
Interest payable	8,735	4,703
New line deposits and membership	350	350
Total current liabilities	121,351	646,321
Current liabilities (payable from restricted assets):		
Meter deposits	<u>151,410</u>	145,281
Total current liabilities	272,761	791,602
Long-term liabilities:		
Notes payable	1,629,471	1,263,185
Total liabilities	1,902,232	2,054,787
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	864,626	736,315
Temporarily restricted	343,893	333,812
Total net assets	1,208,519	1,070,127
Total liabilities and net assets	\$3,110,751	\$3,124,914

COTEAU WATER SYSTEM, INC.

New Iberia, Louisiana

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2005

		Temporarily	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Revenues:			
Service and delinquent charges	\$ 620,958	\$ -	\$ 620,958
Connection and reconnection fees	47,930	-	47,930
Interest income	9,781	-	9,781
Donations	-	10,604	10,604
Contribution from the State	-	2,287	2,287
Gain on disposal of assets	50	-	50
Membership fees	7,400	-	7,400
Miscellaneous	7,593	-	7,593
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Expiration of time restrictions	2,810	(2,810)	
Total revenues	696,522	10,081	706,603
Expenses:			
Professional fees	7,025	-	7,025
Bad debts	3,709	-	3,709
Chemicals	46,870	-	46,870
Connection fees	44,139	-	44,139
Consultants	542	-	542
Depreciation	97,763	-	97,763
Director's travel and expense	718	-	718
Employee benefits	2,387	-	2,387
Insurance	24,944	-	24,944
Interest	117,367	-	117,367
Legal and professional fees	1,050	-	1,050
Line location	1,348	-	1,348
Meter reading	23,416	-	23,416
Miscellaneous expense	786	-	786
Office supplies	12,526	-	12,526
Repairs and maintenance	14,629	-	14,629
Road permits	3,883	-	3,883
Salaries	121,336	-	121,336
Taxes	8,541	-	8,541
Utilities	35,232		35,232
Total expenses	568,211		568,211
Change in net assets	128,311	10,081	138,392
Net assets, beginning of year	736,315	333,812	1,070,127
Net assets, end of year	\$ 864,626	\$ 343,893	<u>\$1,208,519</u>

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2004

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			Temporarily	
	Uı	nrestricted	Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Service and delinquent charges	\$	609,463	\$ -	\$ 609,463
Connection and reconnection fees		31,362	-	31,362
Interest income		3,966	-	3,966
Donations		-	7,063	7,063
Contribution from the State		-	110,575	110,575
Membership fees		5,250	-	5,250
Miscellaneous		7,461	-	7,461
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Expiration of time restrictions		2,561	(2,561)	-
Total revenues		660,063	115,077	775,140
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Expenses:				
Professional fees		6,100	-	6,100
Bad debts		371	-	371
Chemicals		51,174	-	51,174
Connection fees		30,508	-	30,508
Consultants		533	-	533
Depreciation		66,131	-	66,131
Director's travel and expense		677	-	677
Emergency response plan		8,000	•	8,000
Insurance		22,584	-	22,584
Interest		93,084	-	93,084
Legal and professional fees		3,002	-	3,002
Line location		1,401	-	1,401
Meter reading		22,040	-	22,040
Miscellaneous expense		520	-	520
Office supplies		10,570	-	10,570
Repairs and maintenance		42,851	-	42,851
Road permits		975	-	975
Salaries		119,252	-	119,252
Security		502	-	502
Taxes		11,507	-	11,507
Utilities		34,549		34,549
Total expenses		526,331		526,331
Change in net assets		133,732	115,077	248,809
Net assets, beginning of year		602,583	218,735	821,318
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$</u>	736,315	\$ 333,812	\$1,070,127

Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	675,063	646,234
State grant revenue received	26,126	99,517
Interest received	9,781	3,966
Other receipts	7,593	7,461
Cash paid to suppliers	(237,099)	(250,676)
Cash paid to employees	(121,336)	(119,252)
Interest paid	(113,335)	(93,084)
Net cash provided by operating activities	246,793	294,166
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net decrease in certificates of deposits	(2,493)	-
Purchases of investments	-	(300,717)
Maturities of investments	-	30,000
Proceeds from sale of equipment	50	-
Purchase and construction of fixed assets	(175,442)	(608,820)
Net cash used by financing activities	(177,885)	(879,537)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds of notes payable	560,000	-
Principal payments on notes payable	(143,596)	(55,247)
Increase in meter deposits	6,129	6,343
Proceeds from (payment to) interim construction financing	(447,749)	447,749
Net cash provided (used by) financing activities	_(25,216)	398,845
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	43,692	(186,526)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	174,327	360,853
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$218,019	\$ 174,327

Statements of Cash Flows (Continued) Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided		
by operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$138,392	\$248,809
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	97,763	66,131
Donated assets	(10,604)	(7,063)
Gain on disposal of assets	(50)	-
Increase decrease in accounts receivable	2,484	159
Increase decrease in due from the State	23,839	(11,058)
Increase decrease in prepaid insurance	(11,310)	2,269
Decrease in accounts payable	2,307	(2,836)
Increase decrease in accrued liabilities	(60)	(2,245)
Decrease in interest payable	<u>4,032</u>	
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$246,793</u>	\$294,166
Supplemental information of noncash transactions:		
Donated capital additions	\$ 10,604	\$ 7,063

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

The Coteau Water System, Inc. (Corporation) is a nonprofit organization formed under laws of the State of Louisiana in 1972. The Corporation was formed to construct, maintain, and operate a water system and to provide services to individuals who acquire membership in the rural community of Iberia Parish. The Corporation is governed by a board of directors composed of seven members elected by the members of the Corporation.

The Corporation is exempt from federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501(c) (12) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the Corporation is classified as a private foundation by the Internal Revenue Service.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

A. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The Corporation's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

B. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of interest-bearing deposits which are stated at cost, which approximates market. All short-term investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and at the date of purchase, they have a maturity date no longer than three months.

C. Allowance for Uncollectibles

Through the establishment of an allowance account, uncollectible amounts due from customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available, which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The allowance for uncollectibles for customers' utility receivables at June 30, 2005 and 2004 was \$3,503 and \$6,703, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

D. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2005 and 2004 are recorded as prepaid items. The only prepaid item that existed at June 30, 2005 and 2004 was prepaid insurance.

E. Inventory

Items that are on hand at June 30, 2005 and 2004 are not recorded as inventory due to immateriality. All items are expensed in the year purchased.

F. Certificates of Deposit

Certificates of deposit are classified separate from cash equivalents if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Certificates of deposit are stated at cost.

G. <u>Property, Plant and Equipment</u>

The cost of the assets recorded for the Corporation represents the actual cost of these assets. All items of property, plant, and equipment are recorded and depreciation is computed and recorded thereon, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for nonprofit organizations. In the absence of donor stipulations regarding how long contributed assets must be used, the Corporation has adopted a policy of implying a time restriction that expires over the useful life of the assets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives for property, plant, and equipment are as follows:

Auto and trucks	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	5-10 years
Fences	15 years
Buildings and equipment	10-50 years
Deep water wells	50 years
Other equipment	7-50 years
Ground storage tanks	50 years
Distribution system	10-50 years

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

H. <u>Vacation, Sick Leave, and Compensated Absences</u>

Employees of Coteau Water System, Inc. earn two weeks of vacation time each year. The Corporation allows one day of vacation for each month worked, not to exceed ten days (10) during the first year of hire. Employees can spread their vacation time out during the year. Vacation time may be carried over. It is recorded as an expense of the period in which paid.

I. Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$216 and \$220 for the years ending June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

J. Estimates

Preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates by management. Examples of estimates include the allowance for uncollectibles and the useful lives over which fixed assets are depreciated.

K. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Corporation to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents.

The Corporation places its cash and investments with high quality financial institutions. At times such amounts may be in excess of FDIC insurance limits. Credit risk with respect to receivables is generally diversified due to a large number of customers; however, the Corporation's customer base is limited to the rural area in Iberia Parish.

L. Unbilled Receivable

Unbilled utility service receivable resulting from utility services rendered between the date of meter reading and billing and the end of the month are deemed to be immaterial at year end.

M. Support and Expenses

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support, depending on the nature of the restriction, that increases those net

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

asset classes. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Expenses are recorded when incurred in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting.

(2) Restricted Assets

In accordance with provisions of loan covenants with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), the Corporation is required to make deposits into a reserve account until such time that they accumulate \$167,196. Expenditures from the reserve account can only be made with prior written approval of the USDA and can only be used for repairs, improvements and other capital expenditures of the Corporation; and, in certain circumstances, debt service payments. Additionally, meter deposits being held by the Corporation in the amount of \$151,410 are considered restricted assets at June 30, 2005.

(3) <u>Property, Plant and Equipment</u>

A summary of property, plant and equipment at June 30, follows:

	2005			2004	
Land	\$	68,140	\$	68,140	
Auto and trucks		25,031		25,031	
Office furniture and equipment		10,403		22,490	
Fences		11,978		11,978	
Buildings and equipment		100,970		100,970	
Deep water wells		217,354		217,354	
Other equipment		740,426		742,989	
Ground storage tanks		41,921		33,240	
Distribution system	2	,058,950	1,	,138,368	
Construction in progress		-		876,836	
Total property, plant and equipment	3	,275,173	3,	237,396	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	((892,737)	((809,625)	
Net property, plant and equipment	\$2,	,382,436	\$2	,427,771	

Property, plant, and equipment are pledged as collateral on all loans from USDA – Rural Development. Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 are \$97,763 and \$66,131, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(4) Changes in Long-Term Debt

The Corporation has various outstanding rural development loans with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). At June 30, 2005, there were 7 loans with original maturities of 40 years and one loan with an original maturity of 20 years. Interest is fixed at rates of 4.375%, 5.0%, 7.0% and 9.5%. Terms on the loans range from annual payments of principal and interest to monthly payments of principal and interest with aggregate annual payments of principal and interest amounting to \$167,196. The indebtedness is collateralized by a security interest in the plant and equipment.

Although debt service requirements are based on annual and monthly debt service obligations, the Corporation makes semi-annual payments of principal and interest based on one-half of the annual requirement or six months of monthly payments of principal and interest. As of June 30, 2005 the Corporation paid off 5 loans, therefore they are applying the extra semi-annual payments to the loan with the highest interest rate. After the loan with the highest interest rate is paid off in the 2007 fiscal year they will begin to double their semi-annual payments for last loan they obtained from USDA. In light of the payment methods all loans are current and the Corporation has prepaid sufficient amounts of principal to allow them to service the debt in this manner. Original maturities of the loans would have resulted in final payments coming due in 2042. Based on the present manner of debt service based on semi-annual installments will result in a final payment occurring in the 2027 fiscal year.

Based on the Corporation's current semi-annual payment method, the amounts necessary to amortize all debt outstanding at June 30, 2005 is as follows:

Years Ending June 30,	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	Total Debt Service
2006	\$ 107,751	\$ 100,581	\$ 208,332
2007	92,563	96,761	189,324
2008	78,856	91,460	170,316
2009	83,228	87,088	170,316
2010	87,855	82,461	170,316
2011-2015	506,312	333,051	839,363
2016-2020	461,463	184,781	646,244
2021-2025	305,298	56,351	361,649
2026-2027	13,896	806	14,702
	\$1,737,222	\$1,033,340	\$2,770,562

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) Employee Benefit Plans

Coteau Water System, Inc. established a Simple Employee Pension ("Simple") retirement plan for its employees. The system will match the employee's contributions into the plan up to 3% of compensation. Employer match for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 are \$2,357 and \$0, respectively.

(6) <u>Board of Directors</u>

The Board of Directors consists of seven members who serve without compensation. As of June 30, 2005, board members and their service terms are as follows:

Term Expires
September, 2006
September, 2005
September, 2007
September, 2005
September, 2007
September, 2005
September, 2006

(7) New Lines Deposits and Memberships

The water system collected memberships and deposits from potential customers along the latest extension. These are being carried as a current liability until the service is provided, at which point they will be transferred to meter deposits and members' investments.

(8) <u>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following periods or purposes as of June 30, 2005 and 2004:

	2005	2004
Remaining estimated useful lives of		
contributed property and equipment	\$ 103,219	\$ 95,425
State DOTD Contributions	240,674	238,387
	#242.002	#222 012
	\$343,893	<u>\$333,812</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(9) Net Assets Released From Restrictions

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the expiration of time for the year ended June 30:

	2005	2004
Time restrictions expired:		
Expired portion of estimated useful lives		
of contributed property and equipment	\$ 2,810	\$ 2,561

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Statement of Activities - Budget and Actual Year Ended June 30, 2005 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 2004

2005 Variance -2004 Favorable **Budget** (Unfavorable) Actual Actual Revenues: Service and delinquent charges \$ 638,600 \$ 620,958 \$ 609,463 \$ (17,642) Connection and reconnection fees 28,200 47,930 19,730 31,362 3,000 Interest income 9,781 6,781 3,966 **Donations** 10,604 10,604 7,063 Contribution from the State 2,287 2,287 110,575 Gain on disposal of assets 50 50 Membership fees 500 7,400 6,900 5,250 Miscellaneous 1,750 7,593 5,843 7,461 Total revenues 672,050 706,603 34,553 775,140 Expenses: Professional fees 6,500 7,025 (525)6,100 Bad debts 2,000 3,709 (1,709)371 Chemicals 67,500 46,870 20,630 51,174 Connection fees 25,000 44,139 (19, 139)30,508 Consultants 37,000 542 36,458 533 Depreciation 66,000 97,763 (31,763)66,131 700 Director's travel and expense 718 (18)677 Emergency response plan 8,000 4,000 Employee benefits 2,387 1,613 Insurance 33,100 24,944 8.156 22,584 86,000 93,084 Interest 117,367 (31,367)3,002 Legal and professional fees 1,500 1,050 450 Line location 1,500 1,348 152 1.401 Meter reading 24,000 23,416 584 22,040 3,500 Miscellaneous expense 786 2,714 520 Office supplies 12,900 12,526 374 10,570 Repairs and maintenance 97,500 42,851 14,629 82,871 Road permits 500 3,883 (3,383)975 Salaries 130,000 121,336 8,664 119,252 Security 650 650 502 8,541 Taxes 26,000 17,459 11,507 Utilities 35,500 35,232 268 34,549 Total expenses 661,350 568,211 93,139 526,331 138,392 Change in net assets 10,700 \$ 127,692 248,809 Net assets, beginning of year 1,070,127 821,318 Net assets, end of year \$1,208,519 \$1,070,127

COTEAU WATER SYSTEM, INC.

New Iberia, Louisiana

Schedule of Number of Utility Customers and Monthly Water Rates (Unaudited) June 30, 2005

Records maintained by the Coteau Water System, Inc. indicated the following number of customers was being serviced during the month of June 2005:

Commercial customers:

Meters under 3/4"	48
Meters over 3/4"	10
Residential customers:	
Non-minority	1,849
Minority	249
Total	2,156

The water rates of the Coteau Water System, Inc. as of June 30, 2005 are as follows:

Residential Rates:

\$12.00 for the first 2,000 gallons \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

Commercial Rates:

\$18.00 for the first 3,000 gallons \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

Schedule of Insurance in Force (Unaudited) June 30, 2005

		Amount of	Expiration of	
Insurance Agency	Insurance Coverage	Coverage	Policy	
Dupuy-Jefferson-Waguespack	Boiler & Machine	\$ 600,000	2/4/2006	
Louisiana Worker's Compensation	Worker's Compensation	\$ 100,000	12/12/2005	
Dupuy-Jefferson-Waguespack	Automobile:			
	Bodily Injury	\$ 300,000	5/5/2006	
	Property Damage	\$ 300,000	5/5/2006	
	Uninsured Motorist	\$ 300,000	5/5/2006	
Dupuy-Jefferson-Waguespack	Fidelity Bond	\$ 190,000	5/5/2006	
	(covers four employees)	per person		
Dupuy-Jefferson-Waguespack	Pollution Insurance	\$2,000,000	10/18/2007	
Dupuy-Jefferson-Waguespack	Casualty Insurance:			
	General Liability:			
	Personal Injury	\$1,000,000	5/5/2006	
	Products-Completed Operations	\$1,000,000	5/5/2006	
	Fire Damage	\$ 100,000	5/5/2006	
	Medical Expense	\$ 5,000	5/5/2006	
	Property Damage:			
	Blanket Building &	\$1,315,915	5/5/2006	
	Personal Property			

Accounts Receivable Aging Schedule (Unaudited) June 30, 2005

Less than 30 days	\$53,105
31 to 60 days	4,244
61 to 90 days	307
91 to 120 days	170
Over 120 days	555
Total accounts receivable	\$58,381

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Board of Directors Coteau Water System, Inc. New Iberia, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Coteau Water System, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated July 26, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Coteau Water System, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Coteau Water System, Inc.'s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying summary of prior and current audit findings and management's corrective action plan as item 05-1(IC).

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We believe the reportable condition identified above is a material weakness.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Coteau Water System, Inc.'s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, others within the organization, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana July 26, 2005

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan Year Ended June 30, 2005

Anticipated Completion Date		N/A		N/A
Name of Contact Person		Shirley Huval		Shirley Huval
Corrective Action Planned		Management has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties within the accounting department. No action is considered necessary.		Management has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties within the accounting department. No action is considered necessary.
Corrective Action Taken		N/A		N/A
Description of Finding	15)	Due to the small number of employees, the Corporation did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.		Due to the small number of employees, the Corporation did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.
Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	CURRENT YEAR (6/30/05)	<u>trol:</u> Unknown	PRIOR YEAR (6/30/04)	<u>trol:</u> Unknown
Ref. No.	CURRENT	Internal Control: 05-1(IC) U	PRIOR YEA	Internal Control: 04-1(IC) U